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## ***New Czech Book Discloses Details Of Soviet Invasion***

A new Czechoslovakia document has been published detailing the hour-by-hour account of the Soviet-led invasion of that country last August.

Prepared by the Institute of History of the Czechoslovak Academy of Science under the title "Seven Days in Prague," the 494-page volume was secretly distributed to Czech intellectuals last week in an extremely limited edition.

Known as the "Black Book," the document constitutes a thorough refutation of the Soviet Union's explanation of the invasion, as recounted in a Russian "white book" issued several weeks ago.

It discloses that collaborators in Prague's State Security force were informed of the invasion, that Russian secret agents arrived in Czechoslovakia three days in advance to prepare the way and that the Soviet Union was at one time on the verge of establishing a collaborationist government in Prague.

The document lists the Czech "quislings," reports the shock and quandary of the nation's presidium and spells out the role played by Soviet security men.

Extracts from the "Black Book" are being published in the current issue of Newsweek. The complete text is scheduled to be published next month by Frederick A. Praeger.

The volume says that selected members of Czechoslovakia's security arm were brought into the plot and assigned tasks for the night of August 20-21.

Some were directed to surround all embassies to prevent Czechoslovak citizens from seeking asylum.